

## OPINION 959

*ANTHOCORIS PINI* BARENSPRUNG, 1858 (INSECTA, HEMIPTERA):  
ADDED TO THE OFFICIAL LIST AS INTERPRETED BY ITS  
HOLOTYPE

**RULING.**—(1) The neotype designation made by Péricart, 1967, for *Anthocoris pini* Barensprung, 1858, is hereby set aside.

(2) The specific name *pini* Barensprung, 1858, as published in the binomen *Anthocoris pini*, as interpreted by its holotype in the Berlin Museum, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2445.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1865)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. U. Gollner-Scheiding and Dr. J. Péricart in November 1968. The application was sent to the printer on 22 November 1968 and was published on 28 February 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 235–236. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to seven entomological serials. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 August 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)28 for either *Alternative A* (The retention of the original type specimen as type of *Anthocoris pini*, and the addition of the name to the Official List) or *Alternative B* (The validation of the neotype specimen designated by Péricart, 1967, as type of *Anthocoris pini* and the addition of the name to the Official List). At the close of the prescribed voting period on 13 November 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

For *Alternative A*—sixteen (16) votes, received in the following order: Melville, Eisenmann, Vokes, Tortonese, Holthuis, Jaczewski, Obruchev, Sabrosky, Binder, Lemche, Mayr, Bonnet, Starobogatov, Kraus, Alvarado, Simpson.

For *Alternative B*—none (0).

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Forest.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Munroe, Ride.

Commissioner Brinck returned a late vote in favour of *Alternative A*, with the following comment, "I certainly disagree with the request to invalidate the authentic type specimen. There are—I am afraid—several cases where neotypes have been selected because the authentic type was not in its place, but still concealed in another box of the museum or in another museum".

Further comments were made as follows:

*Dr. Henning Lemche* (15.x.70): "According to one of the applicants (*Bull.*

*Soc. ent. France* 72 : 55, 1967) Reuter had already given good and clear characters separating *A. pini* from its nearest relative. The work of the said applicant does not constitute a real revision but merely a repetition of Reuter's work. There existed, therefore, no reason for the said applicant to establish a neotype (Art. 75a(i)). 'Paraneotypes' are not foreseen in the Code, nor should they ever be. Even in the case that the neotype here in question be accepted, the Commission should flatly refuse to accept or even discuss any kind of 'paraneotype'."

*Prof. Ernst Mayr* (19.x.70): "I believe that the neotype designation is, in part, in conflict with the Rules. For this reason alone Alternative A is preferable."

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The following is the original reference for the name placed on the Official List by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*pini*, *Anthocoris*, Barendsprung, 1858, *Berlin ent. Z.* 2 : 188

#### CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)28 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 959.

R. V. MELVILLE  
*Secretary*

*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*

*London*

*27 January 1971*